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SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : இந்தக் குத்தகை விடப்பட்டவர்கள் அந்தக் குத்தகைக்காகச் செலுத்த வேண்டிய பணத்தை அவ்வப்போது தவணைப்படி செலுத்துகிறார்களா? அப்படிச் சரியான முறையில் தவணைப் பணம் செலுத்தாவிட்டால் அதை வசூலிப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : 1957-58, 1958-59 ஆகிய வருஷங்களுக்கு அவர்கள் கொடுத்துவிட்டார்கள். 1959-60-க்குத் தவணைகளாக கொடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : குத்தகை எடுத்துக்கொண்ட அந்தக் கம்பெனியின் நிர்வாகிகள் பற்றி ஏற்கனவே அரசாங்கத்திலே சில குற்றச்சாட்டுகள் விசாரிக்கப்பட்டு இருக்கின்றனவா? மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தில் போலீஸ் இலாகாவினர், எக்சைஸ் இலாகாவினர் அந்தக் கம்பெனி நிர்வாகஸ்தர்கள் மீது, பங்குதார்கள் மீது ஏற்கனவே குற்றச்சாட்டுகள் கண்டு பிடித்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பது உண்மையா?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : அவ்விதமான தகவல் எதுவும் இந்த அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் இல்லை.

Subramaniaswamy Temple, Saravanapuram.

*418 Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether any lands belonging to Subramaniaswamy temple in Saravanapuram in Kovilpatti taluk, were assigned to the Zamindar of Ettayapuram;

(b) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the public objecting to the above assignment; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir. The temple has no landed properties in Saravanapuram.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

Scholarships given by the Harijan Welfare Department

* 419 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) (i) the number and (ii) value of scholarships paid by the Harijan Welfare Department during the year 1958–59 ;

(b) the number of (i) Harijans, and (ii) Christians amongst them in Scheduled Castes Christians; and

(c) the number of students belonging to (i) Backward and (ii) Most Backward Classes amongst them?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) Sixty-four thousand three hundred and eighty-one scholarships involving an expenditure of Rs. 37,97,593 (rupees thirty-seven lakhs ninety-seven thousand five hundred and ninety-three only) were sanctioned during the year 1958–59.

(*b*) Fifty-four thousand four hundred and eighty-seven scholarships have been granted to eligible communities which include Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Converts. Separate figures are not available in respect of Hindu Harijans and Christian Harijans.

(*c*) The number of scholarships given to Backward and Most Backward Class students is 8,250. Separate figures are not maintained for Most Backward Classes and Backward Classes.

Delay in the payment of salaries to Teachers

* 420 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaint from the teachers of aided schools that the direct payment of their salaries is being delayed deliberately?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

(SRI N.K. Palanisami rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : After all the reply is " No ". **I do not** know what supplementary question the hon. Member is going to put. **Next question.**

District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput

* 421 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government on the strictures passed by the High Court on the District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, in connection with the conduct of a murder case?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have carefully considered the matter in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police and the Public Prosecutor, Madras. The Government have decided not to take any action.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know the salient features of the strictures and whether any reference in the judgment was made about interference from a Member of the Legislative Council also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : One of the prosecution witnesses in the Sessions trial is reported to have stated that the investigation of the murder of his son or so was not properly done and it was not traced. Therefore, he mentioned it to one Member of the Legislative Council, and then the District Superintendent of Police took up further investigation and then the case was taken up. That was mentioned in the deposition of one of the prosecution witnesses. Referring to that the Hon'ble Judge who delivered the judgment is reported to have stated that this was interference by a Member of the Legislative Council and that the District Superintendent of Police abetted such interference and therefore action should be taken. Now Government have examined it.